

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I want to congratulate you on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new role, I strongly urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

In my opinion it is highly discriminatory for the FCC to charge all consumers the same fee for the USF. How would you like to be charged the same amount for a one pound steak that you are purchasing, while I purchase a 10 pound steak for the exact same amount of money? That is exactly what you are palnning to do to residential telephone users.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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